

Dioscorea sp. (Dioscoreaceae), 53006. **Yam.** From Mayaguez, Porto Rico. Tubers presented by Mr. T. B. McClelland, horticulturist, Agricultural Experiment Station. "'Guinea yam.'" A white-fleshed yam of excellent quality, and one of the most popular varieties grown in Porto Rico. The tubers are usually cylindrical, and commonly weigh from 3 to 6 pounds each at maturity. This yam is distinctive in vegetative characters in that the vine bears short recurved spines and that the form of the leaves on the older portions is modified." (R. A. Young.)

Diospyros konzatti (Diospyraceae), 53176. **Persimmon.** From Cerro Espino, Oaxaca, Mexico. Seeds presented by Mr. P. C. Standley, U. S. National Museum. "'Zapote negro montés,'" collected at Cerro Espino, April, 1921, by Prof. C. Konzatti. The fruit is said to be better than that of *Diospyros ebenaster*." (Standley.)

A tree of particular interest on account of the exquisite flavor of its edible fruit, 2 inches in diameter and 1 inch long. In quality it is comparable with the 'chico-zapote' (*Achras zapota*). It is green skinned, and much smaller than the common black sapote (*D. ebenaster*). Propagation of this magnificent tree is relatively simple on account of its vigor and the altitude at which it thrives, 4,000 feet above sea level. (Adapted from Boletín de la Dirección de Estudios Biológicos, vol. 2, no. 3, p. 316.)

Eucryphia cordifolia (Eucryphiaceae), 52589. From Santiago, Chile. Seeds presented by Mr. F. Albert, consulting forester, Forestry Department, through U. S. Forest Service. "Muermo." An ornamental, and also useful, Chilean tree which attains a height of about 15 feet, with thick, leathery, shining leaves and aromatic, white flowers which appear in the spring and make the tree a beautiful sight. Because of the abundance of nectar, this tree is a favorite with bees. The bark, rich in tannin, is utilized in dyeing and also in medicine. (Adapted from Castillo and Dey, Jeografía Vegetal del Río Valdivia, p. 81.)

Euonymus hamiltonianus (Celastraceae), 53699. From Kew, England. Seeds presented by Sir David Prain, director, Royal Botanic Garden. A large shrub, - under favorable circumstances a moderate-sized tree, 30 to 35 feet high, with a short straight trunk 4 to 5 feet in girth. The clusters of 15 to 30 greenish white